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PROVIDING MASONIC LIGHT FROM TORONTO EAST DISTRICT

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Real Masonry consists in the teachings that lie hidden behind the letter of the ritual and not in the mere ritual itself.

- Grand Lodge of Iowa

From the desk of the D.D.G.M.,

My Brethren

“Promoting Pride in Our Craft.”

As my tenure as District Deputy Grand Master draws to a close I am reflecting on my year in office. I must say first and foremost that it has been a wonderful year for me personally. I thank you all for making it so! I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience and hope that I have served the District well in this capacity.

On behalf of the District Secretary, W. Bro. Moffat Kiloh, I must express appreciation for the welcome we were accorded by the Masters, Officers and Brethren each and every time we attended a Lodge. We were also warmly greeted in the anteroom by all the Brethren and made to feel comfortable in every way. This of course could be construed as normal Masonic Hospitality, but it was always appreciated and will be remembered by us for the personal interest and warmth shown. We were received as friends.

The many visitors who travelled to the other Lodges have also contributed a great deal to building cohesiveness in the District and it is gratifying to see the recognition as the Brethren greet recently made acquaintances as they assemble for meetings.

I owe a great deal of gratitude to all who contributed to whatever successes and advances that occurred in the district this past year. This includes everyone who accepted a Chairmanship or served on a committee. It includes those who hosted a meeting, organized an event or were supportive in a myriad of other ways. It especially includes the Secretaries of the Lodges who not only kept me informed, but passed on many communications to the Lodge Brethren for me. I thank you All!



I remind you all of the many activities taking place at the 153rd Grand Lodge Communication July 15-17 and urge you to come and join in. Our own Toronto East Long Range Planning Team will have a special role this year and welcome your support. If you have never been down, come along and bring a friend. You will find details of the programs and activities listed elsewhere in this publication, and on our Toronto East Website at <http://www.torontoeastdistrict.com>.

Wishing you a safe and happy summer recess.

Fraternally,

Elroy

R.W. Bro. Elroy J. MacKinnon
District Deputy Grand Master
Toronto East District



Toronto East District Events

July

Tuesday July 1, 2008

Canada Day

Have a great day. Go with the kids and watch the fireworks. Remember to say, "Ohhh!" and "Ahhh!"



Friday July 11, 2008

Birch Cliff Lodge – **Annual Golf Tournament**

See notice below

Bushwood Golf Course

Saturday July 12, 2008

Caledonia and Georgina Lodges – **Toronto**

Harbour Dinner and Dance Cruise

See notice below

539 Queens Quay W., Toronto

Monday July 14 through Thursday July 17, 2008

Grand Lodge Communication

See notice below

Fairmont Royal York Hotel

Wednesday July 16, 2007

G.L. - Toronto East District Meeting

4:00 pm - Ontario Room

See notice below

Fairmont Royal York Hotel



AROUND AND ABOUT:

Toronto East District Charities



AutismONTARIO *Spectrum*
Disorder) To ensure that each individual with ASD is provided the means to achieve quality of life as a respected member of society.

FACT: Autism Spectrum Disorders now affect 1 in 165 children in Ontario.

Support for Families with Members with ASD (Autism Spectrum



WindReach Farm strives to enrich the lives of persons of all ages with disabilities and/or special needs by providing opportunities

to enjoy experiences in farming, nature, outdoor recreation and other activities and to share those experiences with family and friends.

Please use the **Toronto East District Charity Project Number 2352** for contributions made through the Masonic Foundation of Ontario.

Contact: Todd Owens at 905.852.7880 or 678@yrp.ca

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.
- Leo Buscaglia

Blood Donor Clinics



CANADIAN BLOOD SERVICES

If you have donated recently please send me an email at ted2donate@aol.com (TorontoEastDistrict2DONATE) so I can keep my records current.

For information regarding the location of blood donor clinics in your area call **1-800-2DONATE** or http://www.bloodservices.ca/centre*apps/clinics/InetClinics.nsf/CVSE?OpenForm

Contact: Bob Steenson at 416.697.0822 or bob.steenson@ontarioair.com

Are You Going To Holguin, Cuba?

A brother in Holguin is in need of vitamins and painkillers. These are ready to be shipped now but there are no courier services from Canada to Cuba, and by mail it takes over two months to get through.

The vitamins and painkillers will be delivered to you at your home or office. The brother in Holguin will arrange to pick them up at your hotel.

Contact: Vince Lombardo at 905.731.0504 or vince.lombardo.to@gmail.com



Visit to Cuba

Quinte St. Alban's Lodge #620 (Toronto Don Valley District)

Would you like to:

- Enjoy warm weather, a sandy beach, good food and friendly hospitality?
- Get away from the cold winter and visit two Masonic Lodges?



Here's how you can do it!

- Quinte St. Alban's Lodge is in the process of arranging a group trip to Cuba to visit one or more of the three Lodges in Holguin. We hope to exemplify our E.A. Degree and to witness a Cuban Degree.

The required Dispensations have been requested from both Grand Lodges, and we anticipate no difficulty in obtaining them.

Some of the details:

Dates: Saturday January 24 to Saturday January 31, 2009
Place: The Blau Costa Verde resort (4 star, about 1 hour from Holguin)
Who can go: Masons, spouses, children, non-Masonic friends

Basic Cost:

For the all-inclusive resort package is expected to be between \$1,150 and \$1,350 per adult, depending on the size of the group and any fuel surcharges. Children's rates are lower – available on request

Extra Costs:

(To be determined): to cover insurance (if desired), local transportation and sightseeing, and our hospitality for our Cuban Masonic hosts

What You Need To Do Now:

- Decide to be part of the group, and inform the Registrar **promptly** (see below)
- Ensure you will have a valid passport (will not expire within 6 months of departure from Canada)
- Be prepared to pay, on registration, a deposit of \$100 – \$200 per person (balance due by the end of October)

For further information about what's planned, or to register, contact the Registrar, Jean Nichols, at 416.691.3075 or jnich@rogers.com

*** And don't forget to take some vitamins, aspirin, Advil, etc. with you for the Cuban brethren. ***

The truth is that all of us attain the greatest success and happiness possible in this life whenever we use our native capacities to their greatest extent.

- Smiley Blanton (1882-1966)



Saturday May 31, 2008

Toronto East District – Ladies Gala and Awards Dinner

This evening, to celebrate another successful year for Toronto East District, was a lovely night of fine dining and dancing in a superb locale. During this evening, the Annual Awards for Toronto East District were announced and presented. The winners are –

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>WINNER</u>
M.W. Bro. C. Edwin Drew Lodge of the Year Award	The Beaches #473
M.W. Bro. Ronald E. Groshaw Mason of the Year Award	Wayne J D Nicholson Doric #424
M.W. Bro. Terrence Shand Lodge That Has Rendered Civic Involvement in the Community Award	Brougham-Union #267
William Reiach, P.D.D.G.M Remembrance Service Award Highest Attendance at Remembrance Day Services	Doric #424
Aubrey Smaller Outstanding Ritual at an Official Visit Award	Wes Harkin Caledonia #637
Charles Hill Individual Award	Graeme Boyce The Beaches #473
Toronto East District Blood Donor Award Highest Amount of Blood Donated	Alpha #384
Toronto East District Travelling Gavel Award Highest Attendance at Official Visits	Doric #424
Toronto East District District Committee Award	Long Range Planning Committee

Congratulations to all the winners! Every member of every lodge should be proud that our gentle Craft has representatives such as these in our district. They make us all winners.

Ambition is the path to success. Persistence is the vehicle you arrive in.
- Anonymous

Saturday June 21, 2008

Masonic Child Identification Program or MasoniChIP, a Big Success at the East Toronto Masonic Temple

Thanks to the efforts of a great bunch of volunteers, including Masons from many districts, friends and family members, Saturday June 21st turned out to be a great day for Masonic activity at the East Toronto Masonic Temple on Chisholm Avenue.



The Banquet room was used for the main focus of our day's events where the Child ID program took place. This was where parents brought their youngsters to be fingerprinted (digitalized digitally), photographed, videoed, audioed and had pertinent info transcribed onto a computer CD under the guidance of RW Ray Dobbs and his wife Karen, who came in from Woodstock for the day. RW Dobbs is the Chairman of the MasoniChIP committee for the Grand Lodge. The next stage took the kids to R.W. John Hough for their chompers to make a dental impression on a plastic wafer. This process would also provide the parents with a DNA sample from the child's saliva. For those that wanted the decoration, Alice Rankin gave the children a 'face paint'. Spiderman was popular! The Banquet room process cost the parent nothing. Its cost, approximately \$3.00 per child, was donated by the Masons.

Outside, the Bowen team prepared and served the yummy donated meat and veggie products. Inside was the raffle table, which had more than 20 prizes available thanks to many Masons, local businesses and a couple of not so local businesses. The lodge room was opened for the general public to come visit us in our natural habitat. Thanks here to our Grand Master, MW Allan J. Petrisor, for granting us dispensation to set up the lodge room and greet our guests wearing our Masonic Regalia.

After all was said and done, we processed about 70 children that day, and through food and raffle sales plus the sponsoring donations of the resident lodges in Chisholm Avenue, more than \$1,700 was raised for the furthering of the MasoniChIP in the province. The success is suggestive of making this an annual event here!

Thanks go to all of the participants for their efforts. Each person who contributed was appreciated for what they did. It made the day!

Dennis Rankin,
Chairman of the East Toronto Masonic Temple MasoniChIP

There are numerous pictures showing the process the children went through to provide the identification data but the decision was made not to show the children's faces because . . .



The group picture has many, but not nearly all, of the day's volunteers.



WB James 'Jimmy' MacKinnon (Pres. of the ETMT Temple Board) presenting a cheque on behalf of the ETMT Temple Board to RW Elroy J. MacKinnon (DDGM Toronto East District). Present are WB Clinton Sturgeon, RW Ray Dobbs, WB Dennis Rankin and RW John Hough.



To act with common sense according to the moment, is the best wisdom I know; and the best philosophy is to do one's duties, take the world as it comes, submit respectfully to one's lot; bless the goodness that has given us so much happiness with it, whatever it is; and despise affectation.
- Horace Walpole (1717-1797)

Friday Jul 11, 2008

Birch Cliff Lodge – Annual Golf Tournament

The price includes 18 holes of Best-Ball, a power cart, steak dinner and the pleasure of the many who have already committed to tickets. All are welcome - ladies and non-Masonic friends. For those wishing to attend, please contact any Officer of Birch Cliff Lodge **ASAP** as tickets usually become hard to get toward the event date.

Time: 10:30 am – T-off
Location: Bushwood Golf Course
10905 Reesor Road, Markham
Cost: \$98/ea
Contact: Theo Doughty – 905.649.8394

AskMen.com recently published an article named “5 Things You Didn't Know: Freemasons” that you might find of interest.

Here's the link: -

http://www.askmen.com/toys/special_feature_200/200_special_feature.html

Saturday July 12, 2008

Caledonia Lodge and Georgina Lodge – Toronto Harbour Dinner and Dance Cruise

Caledonia and Georgina Lodges are again putting on a joint sunset boat cruise on the Jubilee Queen. There will be a DJ and a dinner, door prizes and raffle. Come and join us for a scenic and romantic evening. It was a smooth ride last year, so no problem with dancing up the night. Contact either Lodge for further information.

Time: Board – 6:00 pm
Disembark – 11:30 pm
Location: 539 Queens Quay W., Toronto
between Bathurst St. and Lower Spadina Ave at the
Marina Quay W.
Cost: \$60/ea
Contact: Harold Clarke at tcsnetworks@excite.com



For Those Having Problems On The Computer

Many people have problems because they receive various attached documents and they cannot work with them. They do not want to pay Billy Gates and Microsoft multiple hundreds of dollars for the privilege of opening and using MS Office files. If this is you, this could be your solution. This definitely is not a paid commercial, nor do I accept any responsibility. This product is produced by Sun Microsystems, the creators of Java, the software that runs many of the websites you visit.

“OpenOffice is the leading office software suite for word processing (*Word?*), spreadsheets (*Excel?*), presentations (*PowerPoint?*), graphics (*Publisher?*), databases (*Access?*) and more. It is available in many languages and works on all common computers. It stores all your data in an international open standard format and can also read and write files from other common office software packages. It can be downloaded and used completely free of charge for any purpose.”

www.openoffice.org

Monday July 14 through Thursday July 17, 2008

**The 153rd Annual Communication of Grand Lodge
Fairmont Royal York Hotel**

See the section on Grand Lodge below for events.

Tuesday July 15, 2008

Downtown Masonic Luncheon - Masons talking Masonry

Please **reserve** to give an idea of the number of meals. Preferred Dress Code - **Jacket and Tie.**

Topic: Sacred Geometry
Speaker: Stephen Brash
Time: 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM
Location: Royal Canadian Military Institute
426 University Ave., Toronto (St. Patrick - University & Dundas subway station)
Cost: \$25 (soup, sandwich, dessert, coffee/tea/soft drink)
Contact: Pat Piccione at pat_piccione@hotmail.com or 416.341.7938

NOTE: If you are interested in sharing a Masonic subject at one of the luncheons, please contact Pat.

*One who smiles rather than angers is always stronger.
- Chinese Proverb*

Tuesday August 19, 2008

Downtown Masonic Luncheon - Masons talking Masonry

Please **reserve** to give an idea of the number of meals. Preferred Dress Code - **Jacket and Tie.**

Topic: tba
Speaker: tba
Time: 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM



Location: Royal Canadian Military Institute
426 University Ave., Toronto (St. Patrick - University & Dundas subway station)
Cost: \$25 (soup, sandwich, dessert, coffee/tea/soft drink)
Contact: Pat Piccione at pat_piccione@hotmail.com or 416-341-7938

NOTE: If you are interested in sharing a Masonic subject at one of the luncheons, please contact Pat.

Life is made up, not of great sacrifices or duties, but of little things, in which smiles and kindness, and small obligations given habitually, are what preserve the heart and secure comfort.
- Sir Humphrey Davy (1778-1829)

Friday September 26, 2008

Birch Cliff Lodge – Table Lodge Event

Birch Cliff Lodge will be honouring several people, not necessarily Masons, for community service. A Table Lodge is a ‘formal’ dinner with ritualised toasts at set points during the meal. This evening is open to all Masons, non-Masons and their significant others and promises to be a truly fun-filled night. Regalia not required.

Time: 6:30 pm – Social -- 7:30 pm - Dinner
Location: Scarborough Masonic Temple
Cost: \$30/ea
Contact: Charles Frankland at 416.493.9022 or cfrankland@rogers.com

... and Await the Return of the Junior Deacon

These words appear in a surprisingly large number of different rituals throughout the various jurisdictions in North America, the British Isles, Europe and elsewhere. But to what exactly does the ritual refer? Very rarely are the Deacons used to convey messages.

Harry Carr in his ‘The Freemason at Work’ says, and I paraphrase, “By long standing tradition, the Deacons are the ‘Messengers’ of the Lodge, and the earliest versions of the Deacon’s Jewel or Badge consisted of a ‘winged Mercury’, the messenger of the gods. It is certain that from 1760 onwards the Deacons - in English practice - actually performed some of these duties, i.e., there were certain portions of the ceremonies in which the W.M. sent a whispered message by the S.D. to the S.W., and the latter passed it on by the J.D. to the J.W. We have a perfect example of this in Three Distinct Knocks, an exposure of 1760, where the practice was in use for ‘Calling On’ and ‘Calling Off’. The Master whispers to the Senior Deacon at his right-hand, and says, ‘tis my Will and Pleasure that this Lodge is called off from Work to Refreshment during Pleasure’; then the Senior Deacon carries it to the Senior Warden, and whispers the same words in his ear, and he whispers it in the ear of the Junior Deacon at his right-hand, and he carries it to the Junior Warden, and whispers the same to him, who declares it with a loud voice, . . .

The words have survived in the ritual, though the practice has disappeared from the majority of our English workings. It is likely, however, that some relics of it have survived in Europe and in the U.S.A.”



There are a couple of other circumstances that can account for the words. Again from 'The Freemason at Work', "The first is the case of a Lodge in which the W.M. and the Wardens all sign the Minutes. The S.D. carries the Minute book to the W.M. and then to the S.W. After the S.W. has signed, the J.D. carries the book to the J.W. and after the latter has signed it, the J.D. takes it back to S.W. and the S.D. returns it to the Secretary's table." This is the most likely reason for the words.

Another possibility arises from the British practice of reporting annually. The Secret Societies Act demanded that all secret societies (Freemasonry was grouped under this title) were legally required to report their membership, meeting place and meeting dates to the town clerk annually until the mid 1960s. Lodges made a practice of having the Secretary hand over the information, once it had been checked by the W.M., to the S.D. who took it to the S.W. The S.W. handed the information over to the J.D. who left the lodge building and delivered the required information to the town clerk's office. The J.D. then returned to lodge, informed the S.W. the 'messages and commands' had been complied with, who informed the S.D. of same, who returned to his post and reported to the W.M.

Gratitude is something of which none of us can give too much. For on the smiles, the thanks we give, our little gestures of appreciation, our neighbours build their philosophy of life.
- A. J. Cronin (1896-1981)

Saturday November 15, 2008

Birch Cliff Lodge – Ladies Night

Birch Cliff Lodge will be holding its annual Dinner and Dance. This evening is open to all Masons, non-Masons and their significant others and promises to be a truly fun-filled night.

Time: 6:30 pm – Social -- 7:30 pm - Dinner
Location: Scarborough Masonic Temple
Cost: \$50/ea
Contact: Romy Thomas at 416-292-1075

Saturday November 22, 2008

Doric Lodge – Ladies Night

Treat your girl to an evening of fine food and dancing in a beautiful Christmas setting.

Time: 6:30 pm – Social
7:30 pm – Dinner
Location: Four Seasons Golf and Country Club
Cost: tba
Contact: Bruce Palanik @ 905.839.7342 or bruce@thepalanikgroup.com



The 153rd Annual Communication of Grand Lodge
Fairmont Royal York Hotel
Monday, July 14 through Thursday July 17, 2008

REGISTRATION

The Credentials Committee will register delegates in the Concert Hall on Tuesday evening July 15th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Wednesday July 16th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. **NOTE:** Members will receive their ballot on registration in the Concert Hall, Convention Floor.

ENTRY TO CONCERT HALL WILL BE THROUGH SALON B.

All balloting, except district elections for the office of D.D.G.M., shall be done at the time of registration in the Concert Hall. The district elections for the D.D.G.M., and a second ballot, if required, for the office of Grand Secretary, and Treasurer shall commence at 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm on Wednesday July 16th.

REGISTRATION OF VOTING DELEGATES CLOSSES

WEDNESDAY JULY 16th, at 3:00 pm SHARP!

PROXIES

The rules relating to the issue and use of proxies are defined in Sections 56 and 57 of the Book of Constitution. ***Please read carefully.***

Regalia Room

The Ontario Room on the Convention Floor will be available to the general membership to change into regalia on Wednesday and Thursday but must be vacated at 3:00 pm Wednesday July 16th to be used for District Meetings. For safety's sake, hats and coats, regalia bags, etc. should be checked in the hotel check room as neither the Fairmont Royal York Hotel nor Grand Lodge will be responsible for loss or theft.

District Meetings

The District Meetings for the election of District Deputy Grand Masters and for such other business as may properly be brought before them will be held at 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm on Wednesday July 16th in the following rooms.

Toronto York	4:00-4:50	Concert Hall	Convention Fl
Toronto West	5:00-5:50	Concert Hall	Convention Fl
Toronto Humber Valley	4:00-4:50	Ballroom	Convention Fl
Toronto Don Valley	5:00-5:50	Ballroom	Convention Fl
Toronto East	4:00-4:50	Ontario Room	Convention Fl

Agenda

Monday July 14

The **Board of General Purposes** will meet in the Ballroom, on the Convention floor at 9:30 am and 1:30 pm. R.W. Bro. Raymond S. J. Daniels, Deputy Grand Master and President of the Board, will preside.



Tuesday July 15

The **Board of General Purposes** will meet at 10:00 am in the Ballroom.

Wednesday July 16

Grand Lodge will assemble in the Canadian Room at 8:45 am, M.W. Bro. Allan J. Petrisor presiding. Brethren are earnestly requested to bring their own aprons and to be in their seats in Grand Lodge before 8:30 am on Wednesday. Distinguished visitors, representing other Grand Jurisdictions, will be received and welcomed.

An Address of Welcome will be tendered and Grand Lodge will then proceed with business until 11:30 am.

The brethren are asked to reassemble after lunch in the same place at 1:30 pm.

Thursday July 17

Grand Lodge will reassemble at 8:45 am in the Canadian Room.

The **installation and investiture of Grand Lodge officers and the newly elected D.D.G.M.s** will take place in the Canadian Room, at such time as the Grand Master shall direct. It is essential that each one be present and that he bring his regalia with him. Every member of Grand Lodge is expected to be present sharp on time.

Instruction Class For D.D.G.M.s-Elect Only

The Custodian of the Work will instruct the new D.D.G.M.s on Thursday morning at 7:59 am in the Alberta Room.

The D.D.G.M.s will see that their successors are in attendance and on time. They will also be present in Grand Lodge, with the regalia for the new D.D.G.M.s, and be prepared to invest at the proper time in the installation ceremonies.

The instruction class is for the new D.D.G.M.s only. Others cannot be admitted. The D.D.G.M.-elect will have with him his Past Master's apron so that he can go directly from the class to Grand Lodge. Our time for instruction is very limited - so it is essential that all assemble on time.

Seminars

Tuesday July 15

Discussion and participation seminars for all brethren. Pre-registration not required.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Alberta Room</u>	<u>B.C. Room</u>	<u>Quebec Room</u>	<u>Algonquin Room</u>
1:30 to 2:20	G. L. Programs <i>Programming for Success</i>	Lodge of Instruction <i>Rules to Run By</i>	Masonic Education <i>Bits and Bytes Made Easy</i>	Computer Resources presentation
2:30 to 3:20	Long Range Planning <i>Future Vision New Direction</i>	Discover the G.L. Website <i>Surf the Turf</i>	Lodge Finance Debit and Credit <i>Keeping a Roof Over Your Head</i>	Computer Resources presentation
3:30 to 4:20	Participation in Lodge <i>Discuss – Learn – Grow</i>	Custodian of the Work <i>On Mumby Time</i>	Memorial Service <i>Paying Respect To Departed Brethren</i>	Computer Resources presentation



GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET

Wednesday July 16, 2008

6:30 pm

CANADIAN ROOM

FAIRMONT ROYAL YORK HOTEL

Dr. Kevin McCormick PhD

President - Huntington University, Sudbury

Guest Speaker

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Doors open at 6:00 pm. Special Entertainment.

Tickets \$55 available from the D.D.G.M.s.

Cash sales only. Sales cease July 11, 2008.

Reserved tables of 8 direct from Grand Lodge.

Late Breaking News!

Wednesday July 16, 2008

There will be a special presentation by the Long Range Planning Committee of Toronto East District in Grand Lodge at **approximately 10:30 am**. This will be an adaptation of the Lodge Vitality and Momentum project based on the survey responses of more than 1,500 Masons across Ontario. **All Masons** attending the Annual Communication as delegates or observers should plan to be in Grand Lodge for this informative, exciting and inspiring presentation. *Masonic Aprons Required.*



This Month

July

July was named for the Roman Emperor Julius Caesar, organizer of the Julian calendar in 46 BC, which remained in use until 1752, when the Gregorian calendar was adopted.

The birthstone for July is the red ruby. It symbolizes love, and an open heart. The ruby is the carrier of the red ray, and helps the wearer to gain courage. Ruby is worn to improve circulation and the richness of the blood. Associated with the sign Leo, it strengthens the heart centre leading to the will, and through compassion turns personal love into love of humanity. The ruby is not limited to Leo, but is supportive of all fire signs. Its contrasting properties are associated with Shiva the destroyer, and correlate with the process of purification.

The seventh Full Moon of the year (the full Moon of July) is known as the Mead Moon, named after the mowing of the meadows (or meads), and the first issue of ale.

In Teutonic tradition, it honours the sacred children of the Moon, Bil and her brother, Hyuki. On their way to draw the sacred song-mead for their family from Bryger, the enchanted spring, they were kidnapped by Odin's handsome chariot driver, Mani and taken to the Moon in his chariot. There, the water was transformed into sacred mead, elixir of the gods, which is symbolic of wisdom and strength. (Hmm. I wonder if the mead could be called beautiful.) Earth elders call out to the children when the Moon is full, to sprinkle a few drops on their lips so they may gain the brew's gifts. The children, seen during the full Moon as twin shadows on the Moon's face were then praised and venerated by mortals for their gift of the elixir. This myth became the source of the nursery rhyme, Jack and Jill.



The Mead Moon celebrates the time of the year when honey is harvested. Honey, yeast, and fruit juice fermented together for months are the main ingredients in mead. Many additional ingredients have been used for flavouring, including gingersnaps.

In the Wiccan tradition, the July Full Moon is known as the Buck Moon, when male deer grow their first velvet antlers. Masculine in tradition, it is an appropriate time to work on the physical body or answer the challenge of mastering physical objects.

The second full moon of any month is erroneously called a Blue Moon – there isn't one this year. This phenomenon occurs approximately once every 33 months, although if a Blue Moon occurs in January, it will also likely happen that same March because of the brevity of February. The last Blue Moons in 1999 were such a case. December 31, 2009 will be the next Blue Moon.

In actuality, the term Blue Moon referred to something that very rarely occurred, if at all. The original meaning of "Blue Moon" came from an anonymous poem from 1528:

Read me and be not wrothe,
For I say no things but truth:
If they say the moon is blue,
We must believe that it is true.



Use of the phrase as an actual astronomical phenomenon started in 1932 in the Farmer's Almanac, published in Maine, a precursor to the Old Farmer's Almanac. It's not clear where the Mainiacs got their definition, but it was the third full moon in a season containing four full moons rather than the usual three. That's right, the third full moon. They are not called Mainiacs for no reason. The seasons are defined by the equinoxes and solstices, rather than calendar months.

July is associated with goddesses such as Rowana, patroness of the secret knowledge of the runes. Wood cut from the Rowan tree was used to make magical runes. Holda, the white goddess, and Hela, the black goddess are also honoured in July. They were the twin daughters of Norse trickster god Loki, and are the goddesses who shared rulership of the underworld. On the last day of July, Loki and his consort Sigyn are honoured.

In the Japanese Calendar, the 17th is celebrated as the re-emergence of the Sun Goddess Amaterasu-O-Mikuni, who had plunged the world into darkness by retreating into her cave in fury after she was ridiculed by her brother, the trickster Susanoo-O-Mikuni. Her retreat and reappearance are the Japanese version of the universal myth of the departure and return of the Light, and along with it, the life force of the Earth.

July 25th is Furrinalia, honouring the ancient Italian goddess of springs. This festival reminds us of our vital reliance on sources of water. Ancient peoples blessed the springs.

July is the birth month of several members of the family of Pythagoras, noted philosopher / mathematician / astronomer. Pythagoras himself was born on July 24, 569 BC in Samos, Ionia. His daughter, Damo (seeress, disciple and inheritor of his secrets and writings) was born on July 21st; his mother, Pythais was born on July 28th; and his wife, Theano (who, with her two daughters carried on the Pythagorean School after her husband's death) was born on July 11th. Many sources state that it was Theano who developed the principle of the "Golden Mean" which relates to the ratios of a given line. It has been said that geometry has two great treasures: one is the theorem of Pythagoras and the other is the theorem of the Golden Mean. The explanation for the Golden Mean is much more complex than that of the Pythagorean "the square of the hypotenuse is ..."

July 31st, at sundown is the beginning of Lammas, the two-day festival of the blessing of bread from the first grain harvest. As a symbolic gesture, blessing a loaf of bread can remind us to be grateful for what we have, and to discover what other riches are possible when the cooperative work of the harvest is complete. Lammas comes at the middle of summer, and is the third fire festival, the rituals of which we can use to feed our spirits.

Spirituality seems to come after the needs of the body have been tended. However, in some belief systems, attending to the spiritual needs is a necessary step in ensuring that the physical needs will be met. After extending gratitude to Earth goddesses, Demeter and Ceres for nourishing their bodies from the bounty of the Earth, the ancients called upon fire deities who bestowed and encouraged inspiration: in the Celtic tradition, they are Ceridwen and Brighid; We may invoke them to grant us the nine gifts of the Cauldron: Poetry, Reflection, Meditation, Lore, Research, Great Knowledge, Intelligence, Understanding, and Wisdom.

Have a great month of July.



... by the Lighthouse Beam

Whisky Galore



Whisky is so named from the Scots Gaelic “Uisque beatha” pronounced “iske baha” it is translated as the “water of life”.

Malt whisky is made from 3 ingredients; barley, water and yeast.

Barley is the seed of a grass and is soaked in water for 2 or 3 days while being constantly turned either by being rotated in a drum or shovelled with a tool called a “shiel”. Malting converts the starch in the grains into fermentable sugars. Heat is produced during the germination so it is important to turn the barley

continuously to keep the temperature even. If the temperature rises above 22° C the grains will die and the process of converting the starch into sugar will be halted.

After the germination is completed it is necessary to prevent the grain from developing further, thereby using up its food supply (the fermentable sugars). This is accomplished in a kiln where the malt is dried to remove enough moisture from each grain so that further growth is halted.

A kiln is a two-storey building where the upper floor is perforated to allow hot air to pass through from below. The lower floor contains a furnace where bricks of peat are burned to generate heat and smoke. The heat and smoke rise through the perforations and dry the green malt. It is during this stage that the malt gains its characteristic ‘peat-reek’.

The kiln with its pagoda roof is the most apparent characteristic of a traditional whisky distillery. The roofs are designed to draw the smoke upwards quickly enough so that the malt is not damaged by the heat (the temperature of the malt must be kept under 70° C).

The malt is ground to grist in a mill and fed into mash tuns and, with water (which is changed 3 or 4 times during the mashing) and this creates a sugar solution that is called the wort. The spent grains are separated from the wort and is used as cattle feed.

The wort is cooled, mixed with yeast and distilled three times.

After the distillation the whisky is clear and is then put in oak barrels. Whisky gets its colour from the oak casks. It is put into the cask at 63.5% alcohol by volume and loses 1.5% alcohol by volume per year. Before bottling, whisky (unless sold as ‘cask strength’) is cut with de-mineralised water to 40% alcohol by volume.



The Masonic Component

So, let's revisit the whole thing from a Masonic perspective.

Ingredients.

- Barley is the initiate, ordinary, part of the crowd, small and, individually unimportant.
- Water is the touch of the Grand Architect that all people receive at birth. We can keep it clean by filtering or muddy it through error and indiscretion.
- Yeast is the divine inspiration.

Method.

- Malting the barley starts with the immersion in water, communicating with deity and remaining responsive to the message.
- The turmoil of our daily lives causes us to be rolled or turned over by the allegorical shields of the trials and challenges of our lives.
- Protection from overheating, frequent application to deity for guidance and the necessary assistance to keep us focused on the really important things in life.
- Kilning can be thought of as the trial by fire (albeit low grade) the muddier parts of our lives are infused, by association, into the fabric of ourselves.
- Distillation #1, the initiate receives his Entered Apprentice degree and learns to subdue his passions.
- Distillation #2, after being passed to a Fellow Craft, the Mason develops his use of the Square of Virtue.
- Distillation #3, the Master Mason learns to strive for perfection and, as a new Master Mason, is neutral (colourless) awaiting the influence of worthy brother Masons to guide, inform and colour.
- Whisky must be stored for 3 years and at a high alcohol content. Many new Master Masons are fuelled with fervour for the fraternity and as such are too strong for regular consumption. They require the tempering and colouring, by association with knowledgeable and reputable Brothers, in the oak casks of just and lawfully constituted lodges, participation in degrees.
- Lastly, we become the whisky of Masons, either blended, from the input of brothers previously described, or, rarely, we become the single malt of Masons, that rare man and Mason who gains our respect instantly, without request, by his honesty, integrity, friendliness and warmth, an obvious love of the fraternity wheresoever dispersed.

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Birch Cliff #612 www.birchcliffodge.com	Scar	2 nd Fri	4 th Fri	Dec	Feb
Brougham Union #269	Clar	1 st Wed		Oct	Feb
Caledonia #637 www.caledonialodge637.com	Scar	3 rd Mon		Oct	Apr
Canada #532	Ajax	1 st Tue	3 rd Wed	Oct	Feb
Cathedral #643	East Tor	3 rd Wed		Oct	Mar
Coronati #520	Scar	2 nd Thu		Sep	Apr
Doric #424	Ajax	3 rd Thu	1 st Thu	Dec	Oct
Friendship #729	Ajax	2 nd Wed		Jan	Oct
Mimosa #576	East Tor	1 st Mon	3 rd Mon	Oct	Apr
North Gate #591	Ajax	2 nd Thu		Apr	Oct
Riverdale - John Ross Robertson #494 www.rjrr494.com	East Tor	3 rd Tue	1 st Tue	Sep	Apr
Scarboro #653	Scar	2 nd Mon	4 th Mon	Dec	Mar
St. Aidan's #567	Scar	3 rd Tue		May	Mar
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The Imperial East Gate #543	Scar	2 nd Wed		Nov	Feb
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